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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

George SHIBATA, et al.

Serial No: 09/335,363

Filed: June 17, 1999

For: SAMPLE LOADING AND HANDLING INTERFACE TO  
MULTIPLE CHEMISTRY ANALYZERS

Art Unit: 1743

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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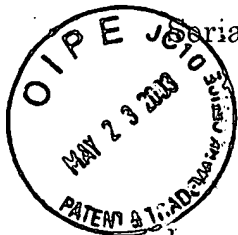
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, favorable  
reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

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